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Examiner: Necholas Ogden Jr.
Group Art Unit: 1751

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 16, 2007, the Examiner held that the reply filed by Applicants on January 29, 2007, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because Applicants "fail to provisionally elect between claims of Group 1 or Group 2". A 30 day period was given for responding to this Office Action.

Applicants believe the Examiner is in error because on page 2, the first full paragraph, of the Response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006:

. . . Applicants provisionally elect claims 2-10, 12-16 and 19-28, the Examiner's Group 1 for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicants believe that they have provisionally elected the Examiner's Group 1 for prosecution, that is, claims 2-10, 12-16, and 19-28. Applicants reaffirm there provisional election of claims 2-10, 12 -16, and 19-28, the Examiner's Group 1 for prosecution. Examiner Ogden confirmed that Applicants had indeed made the provisional election as set forth above in a Telephone voice message to Applicants' Attorney on May 9, 2007.

Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

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